for teachers. The notion of education as a 'medical specialty' is an interesting and, perhaps, valuable one, widely held in the US and actively promoted in the university faculty development departments. We need 'education champions' in British postgraduate medical teaching as never before, as training by the apprentice model becomes less and less realistic in the world of the 'New deal', Calman-style

specialist registrars, and modern 'minimal admission' clinical methods. We can learn much from the AHEC methods I have reported on, however, which could easily be applied in UK practice by simple organisational change. Full blooded emulation of what is best in American teaching will require more dedicated time for doctors to learn to teach better and then to go to their units and do it.

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ARTHUR HILL HASSALL, 13 December 1817

Arthur Hill Hassall (1817-1894) was born at Teddington, Middlesex, the son of a surgeon and the youngest of five children. He became a physician at the Royal Free Hospital where a ward is named after him. He will be remembered as long as Hassall's thymic corpuscles remain ill-understood. Surely, in time, new techniques in immunology and molecular biology will shed fresh light on their function and purpose. He died on 9 April 1894 in San Remo, where he is buried. His portrait may be found at the entrance to Hassall Ward, Newport Hospital, Isle of Wight. Beneath it is the inscription:

NON OMNIS MORIAR
(I shall not all die).

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